

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An audio decoding method comprising:
receiving audio data including a plurality of coded sample data;
decoding the coded sample data;
~~grouping a plurality~~ respective pluralities of the sample data, after decoding, into ~~a~~
~~block~~ respective blocks;
adding respective control information relating to ~~an attribute~~ attributes of the
plurality of the sample data in a respective block to ~~each~~ that block;
temporarily storing the blocks; and
outputting the plurality of sample data of each block, that has been temporarily
stored, based on the control information added to the respective block.
2. (Currently Amended) An audio decoding apparatus comprising:
a decoding unit which receives audio data including a plurality of coded sample
data, decodes the sample data, ~~groups a plurality~~ respective pluralities of the sample data,
after decoding, into ~~a block~~ respective blocks, and adds control information relating to ~~an~~
~~attribute~~ attributes of the plurality of sample data in a respective block to ~~each~~ that block;
a storage unit which temporarily stores the blocks; and
an output unit which outputs the sample data of each block, that has been
temporarily stored, based on the control information added to the respective block.
3. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said decoding unit groups ~~the~~ each plurality of sample data into ~~the~~ a respective
block in frame units.
4. (Previously Presented) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said decoding unit groups sample data having identical attributes into one block.
5. (Previously Presented) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said decoding unit adds to the control information starting information that
indicates sample data from which output control can be started.

6. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ channel information indicating number of channels that are to be output for each sample data.

7. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information number₁ information indicating number of sample data that have been grouped in one block.

8. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ information indicating a down sample.

9. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ length information indicating word length of data to be output.

10. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ length information indicating word length of data to be output when there are plurality of outputs.

11. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ channel information indicating formation of an output channel.

12. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ slot information indicating number of slots of the output channel.

13. (Original) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the number of slots is variable.

14. (Currently Amended) The audio decoding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said decoding unit adds₁ to the control information₁ distribution information indicating data distribution of said output unit.